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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 10-APR-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 04/10/99	Previous Week 04/03/99
Bro-Fry	145,653	148,286
Lt Hens	2,061	2,264
Hvy Hens	1,452	1,477

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 03-APR-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	462	4	466
Last Week	460	0	460
Same Wk Yr Ago	531	8	539
To Date 1999	6,316	114	6,430
To Date 1998	7,208	112	7,320

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Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,733	1,349	4,082
Last Week	2,486	1,398	3,884
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,606	1,072	3,678
To Date 1999	34,321	17,412	51,733
To Date 1998	33,095	16,240	49,335

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 03-Apr-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	144,575 (A)	2,271	1,345	3,616
Avg Wt	5.00	3.35	7.78	5.00
Last Week	148,122	2,026	1,398	3,424
Same Week Yr Ago	145,559	2,075	1,064	3,139
Avg Wt	5.02	3.21	7.84	4.78
To-Date/1999	1,945,493	28,005	17,298	45,303
To-Date/1998	1,887,245	25,887	16,128	42,015

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 146.3 million head or 2.5 million head less than or 98 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending March 27, 1999

(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	34,286	26,104	43,860
Avg Weight	3.74	4.80	6.13
% Of Total /1	33%	25%	42%
Comparisons			
Last Week	31,608	15,350	41,022
Avg Weight	3.80	4.76	6.02
% Of Total /1	36%	17%	47%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	32,830	32,666	33,991
Avg Weight	3.83	4.76	6.06
% Of Total /1	33%	33%	34%
To Date/1999	401,795	354,215	511,726
To Date/1998	398,217	391,878	350,948
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 27-Mar-99 (Thousand Head)

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	4,500	33	4,533
Avg Wt	0.00	26.41	25.06	26.40
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	4,614	30	4,644
Same Week Yr Ago	0	6,246	33	6,279
Avg Wt	0.00	23.42 (B)	28.36	23.44
To-Date/1999	0	54,886 (B)	360	55,246
To-Date/1998	8	63,099 (B)	468	63,575

(B) Includes 205,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 256,000 in 1998.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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